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SJC Community Discusses National Tragedy At Roundtable

Students Address Questions Involving the Recent Attacks on America

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Editor

In yet another outpouring of Puma support over one hundred members of the Saint Joseph's College community met at an open forum to discuss the September 11th tragedy and implications and reactions of and to those events.

A panel consisting of SJC professors and two members of the United States Armed Forces were present to answer questions and offer their opinions on what has come to be called the, "Attack On America."

The evening began with the panel opening the floor to questions from the members of the audience. Some issues that were addressed were the possibility of the draft, the possible ways in which the United States and the world would retaliate, and a discussion of how these events would effect Americans in their everyday

life. Answers to these questions came not only from the panel, but also the President of the United States.

At 8 p.m. discussion halted so that panelists and students alike could watch President Bush's address to the nation. The speech served to bolster national pride, and further unite the country.

"We have seen the state of our union in the endurance of rescuers working past exhaustion. We've seen the unfurling of flags, the lighting of candles, the giving of blood, the saying of prayers in English, Hebrew and Arabic. We have seen the decency of a loving and giving people who have made the grief of strangers their own. My fellow citizens, for the last nine days, the entire world has seen for it-

self the state of union, and it is strong," The President declared.

Students had varied reactions to the President's words. Derek Dowty '03 commented,

"Before this all happened I wasn't a big fan of President Bush, but

I think that he is handling this well. I don't want more people to die, but something has

to be done so that terrorists don't think that they can just do whatever they want to innocent people. The speech was really good, it made me feel proud to be an American."

Junior Brienne Hopkins offered another point of view, "I think of all the things he could have said the words he chose were best considering the circumstances. I'm afraid of our

retaliation. More innocent lives are going to be lost all over the world."

Bennett Hall Resident Assistant's Travis Lichen and Michael Cronkite planned the event, and invited Professors Michael Oakes, Susan Chattin, Paul Magro and Brian Capouch, along with US Army representatives Captain Mazura and Lt. Heiliger to field questions from the audience. Also present in the audience was SJC President Dr. Ernest Mills, who offered additional opinions regarding the possible courses of action that the United States might consider.

Though no time limit was imposed on this event, discussion lasted for nearly two and a half hours, with many panelists remaining even longer to further discuss issues with individual audience members. Overall the roundtable was a success and many felt that they left the gathering better informed about what has happened and what choices face the government in the days, months, and years to come.

SJC Junior John Szynal commented, "The panelists really cleared things up for me, now I know a little bit more about what is going on, and what the President has to take into consideration when he makes decisions about how we are going to respond to this kind of attack."

Homecoming Successful Despite Recent Tragedy

Bree Ma'Ayteh
Reporter

Saint Joseph's College Homecoming weekend, held Sept. 14 through Sept. 16, allowed its participants to not only reunite with old friends, but also to support America in its fight against terrorism.

On Sept. 14, which President Bush had declared a National Day of Prayer in remembrance of those affected by the attacks on New York City's World Trade Center and Washington, D.C.'s Pentagon Building, a student-organized



Senior King and Queen, Marvin Melville and Theresa Kreinbrink

candlelight vigil was held on the intramural sports field.

"I wanted Saint Joe students to see their fellow students coming together for a common cause," senior



The 2001 homecoming court takes the field at half time

Ryan Myszak said, co-organizer for the event. "Great things happen when a large group of people find a common ground and focus on making a difference."

Saturday afternoon, Communications Professor Sally Nesselrode and one of her freshmen classes operated a ring-toss booth, in order to financially assist the relief efforts in New York and Washington. The attraction raised 150 dollars.

There was also an Honor Class Gift Presentation to President Ernest Mills, III by the Class of 1961. The class, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, has raised 165,000

dollars for a new main entranceway to campus.

After the presentation, Mills spoke to alumni and faculty members about the current state of SJC, stressing the importance of alumni involvement for the College's development. His focuses for the current school year include increasing next year's enrollment in the freshmen class and ending the year with a balanced budget. "This school deserves to be successful," he said.

Other highlights included a wax hand molding booth, laser tag, and the Bratwurst tent, where SJC alumni received a chance to reconnect with classmates, and students had an opportunity to socialize with alumni.



These enthusiastic Pumas show their pride

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Homecoming 2001...
How was yours?

I spent my last homecoming celebrating the fact that soon I will be leaving SJC in search of better things. As every other graduating senior probably felt, there was also just a touch of sadness in the festivities of the weekend. For the last four years this has been home, and one can hardly hope to leave without a small tug at our tender heartstrings. Hopefully I will be able to return at this time next year to visit my friends who will be here and maybe I will even visit for a few years after that. The Homecoming football game will always be a highlight of my return to campus along with the beer and brat tent.

And as I watched the older alumni reminiscing around campus I had an epiphany. Every homecoming weekend for the last four years I have seen a pathetic sight. I hope that when I am 35 or 40 years old I will have a more dignified and mature way to spend a joyful return to Saint Joseph's College than wandering around the dorms in a drunken stupor.

This is by no means all of the alumni, but there are always a straggling few. Homecoming by all means should be utilized for all of those wishing to return for a day to remember their college years. But let's not kid ourselves. Those days are over for them. But who do we see roaming down our halls on Saturday after the big football game? Old people barging into rooms telling us "Hey, I used to live in this room!" Great, good now I live here. And we wonder who they are.

Frantically we search our brains for the logic of how we are connected enough to share our private space with a perfect stranger for the evening. The astounded look in our eyes only grows more bewildered as they ask us where all the parties are. As a current college student I understand the appeal of tight cramped dorm room parties, but after 5, 10 or 15 years removed from the excitement, what is the attraction?

Seriously, there is nothing more pathetic than a bunch of middle aged women with beer cups overflowing searching out more beer from young college boys. If they want a vivid reminder of those SJC weekends we are all so fond of, go to a bar in town. Or better yet, whip out a yearbook to remember the good ole days.

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If so, we want to hear it!

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voice their opinion.

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The *Observer* wants
to hear from you!

To Inform Or Not To Inform- That Is The Question

*Is the media exposing too much
information regarding our stragety?*

Mandy Meyers
Editor

It seems that the only thing that is ever on television now, is updates and news briefs regarding the September 11th terrorist attack. There is not a day that goes by where I am not informed about safety precautions the government is making. I applaud the media for an excellent job. They have been prompt on getting back to the American people informing them about the crisis.

However I realized that it isn't such a great idea to release so much information through the media. The government has been great in informing the American people but at the same time they are also informing our enemy. For example, when the attack happened we were all told where the President and other government officials would be hiding out. Granted the American people would want to know

that the President is safe in hiding, but at the same time why would you publicly announce it on television knowing that your telling the enemy where to find him?

Also if we wanted to plan a surprise attack against the enemy, we wouldn't be able to anymore. Why? Because the media has already informed the world where we had sent troops. The enemy knows our first step before we even take it.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that I completely understand that the government wants to clue us all in on what's going on during this terrible crisis. But if you look at it, this could backfire on us. In times such as these, all vital information should be withheld from the media. We the people will just have to understand and put our trust in the government.

The Dark, Stupid Side of Human Nature

*A look at how someone could steal
the American flag during a time of crisis.*

During this week of shock, grief and anger, patriotism roared onto the scene with fervor and defiance. It has been a remarkable sight, seeing flags flying from homes that in the past have never sported the stars and stripes except perhaps on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day, or fluttering from car bumpers and antennas.

But, unfortunately, there is a dark side to human nature that certain cretins cannot control. They are the ones who have been stealing American flags from people's property.

How outrageous. At a time when the American people of the United States are pulling together in prayer and donations to sustain the victims, their families and the rescue workers doing the grisly clean-up work at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington,

D.C., and a rural field in Pennsylvania, there is a small group of idiots stealing people's precious flags.

And it makes people furious. Even a fire station was targeted by thieves. Let's hope the police departments can find or catch those doing this dastardly deed. They must be punished. They must apologize to the victims of their mindless acts and should be made to stand at attention beside a flag flying in the breeze or in the middle of a candlelight prayer vigil for the victims of the terrorist attacks. In both cases, these thieves should be made to explain publicly what possessed them to defile this greatest of American symbols. Thankfully, and in the true spirit of America, these mindless morons are in the smallest of minorities. Let them stay there.

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Upcoming Events

Parents Weekend.....October 5th-7th
Fall Camping Retreat.....September 28th
Columbian Players Play.....October 5th-7th

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*Want to experience another
culture nothing like your own?*

*If so maybe a trip to India is the
place for you!*

Professor Susan Chattin is currently planning a trip to India this May. The trip is available to all students, however it would be more beneficial if the student has taken Core 7. She plans on taking the group of students to historical landmarks in New Dehli and beyond. Professor Chattin has also planned on taking students to eat with a family at their home. The cost of the trip should be around \$2,000. She plans on holding an informational meeting sometime in October. If you have any further questions please contact Professor Chattin at susanc@saintjoe.edu

Don't Miss These Upcoming RA Events

Who: Second Floor Justin East Residents
What: Birthday Announcements/Candies
When: First Monday of Each Month
Where: Second Floor Justin East Bulletin Board
Notes: Social/Floor
By: RA. Maribel Licea

Who: Halas Hall Residents
What: Halas Dance
When: Friday, September 28th, 2001 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Where: Outside Halas
Notes: Social, Building, Campus

If you would like to write for *The Observer*, or are planning an event that you want to spread the word about, contact an *Observer* editor.

SUB Celebrates Homecoming

This year S.U.B. made Homecoming a weeklong celebration. The events kicked off on Monday and ended on Sunday with the finality of the whiffle ball tournament. The Homecoming program encompassed a wide variety of activities. For those who take pride in the art of "packing it away" there was a Jell-O eating contest and a pie-eating contest. The winner of both events was junior, and growing boy Wes Graper. Tina Deno, '03, took home the prize for the milk-drinking contest.

For those more adept to wit, Wednesday's Family Feud pitted four teams of SJC's finest against one another in a viscous battle for the prize. The team representing Halas Hall left victorious, claiming the cash prize. The members of the Halas team were seniors Sara Post, Mandy Meyers, Karissa Laurinas, and sophomore's Amanda Callon and Dannielle Pruett.

Those who felt the need for speed competed in the "Big Wheel Races." Three teams raced to see who could successfully run the obstacle course. Winners of this event were senior David Banks, junior's Pat Smith, John Szynal, and sophomore John Ligda.

The final SUB event of the week was the double elimination whiffle ball tourney. The games began on Friday and continued on Sunday afternoon. After it was all said and done the Barnyard's Commandos walked away with the victory.

Wiffle Ball SJC Style



Wes Graper scouts out people to join his last minute team.

The boys of Bennett lounge on the grass while taking a break between games.



Spectators enjoy the games from the sidelines.

The winning team, Barnyard's Commandos, sport their new t-shirts with pride.



photos courtesy of Dottie Collura

Students Respond With Peace

In the midst of homecoming festivities Saint Joseph's College took a time out to participate in the nationwide day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of the September 11th attack on America. At 7 p.m. on Friday September 21st students gathered on the IM field to light candles and pray together.

Brother Tim Hemm urged students to enjoy homecoming despite the terror spreading across the country. Following the vigil students took their lighted candles to the Grotto and left them as a symbol of their continued thoughts and prayers for all of those affected and involved by the attacks.



Students gather together to pray



photos courtesy of Dottie Collura

Show your support for the rescue workers donating their time and efforts to the recovery effort in New York. The September 11th tragedy shook the world and for those picking up the pieces a great thanks is due. Join in and show support for those heros by wearing **RED, WHITE and BLUE** on October 11th.

If you would like to know about participating in the campus event please contact Blaire Henley.ext. 8230.

Want To Be a Hero?

You CAN be a hero to millions of children all around the world by joining us in the March of Dimes Walk this year on Saturday, October 27, 2001. The walk will begin around 3pm Saturday afternoon with the starting and finishing point at the Rensselaer Central High School. Prizes will be awarded for different things such as the most money overall, in each team, and there will also be fun and games, along with FREE FOOD!

March of Dimes is an organization that was established by FDR in 1938 to defeat polio. In 1958, the March of Dimes brought their formidable partnership to bear against another, even greater, challenge—birth defects, the nation's number one child health problem.

Now it is up to us to help support the March of Dimes so that millions more lives might be saved. If you would like to help out by walking and/or raising money, please contact Dannielle at dpg3749@saintjoe.edu or by phone at 8664. This invitation is extended to the young and the old, faculty, staff, and students!

Puma Profile: Dottie Collura

New Director of Student Activities Ready to Roll

Susan Huss
Editor

What is college for, if not to get cheap tickets to a Cubs game, go to an 80's dance, or watch your friends race in Little 500?

Okay, so maybe there's more to college than having fun, but when fun is a priority, it's good to know there's someone out there on the lookout for it. This year, that person is Dottie Collura, the new Director of Student Activities at Saint Joseph's College.

Collura is originally from Oklahoma, but she grew up in Alexandria, Indiana. She came to SJC with an Associate's Degree in Health Occupations, a Bachelor's Degree in University Studies and Health Care Management, and a Master's degree in Education Administration in Higher Education. She also has

job experience in various areas.

"[I was] the Coordinator of Student Activities and Union at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio, and Assistant Director of Admissions at Purdue University," Collura said. "However, I have also been a case worker, funeral director, sales and marketing director, and a talent agent."

Collura lives in the campus apartments with her husband Mike, an Instructional Technology Specialist at Purdue University. She said she took the job at SJC since she likes organizing programs and working with college students.

"I enjoy being a part of SJC! My favorite thing would have to be the sense of community. I find living on campus to be a benefit to both myself in my position and the students," Collura said. "Living among SJC students gives me the opportunity to really be a part of the community, and I feel it en-

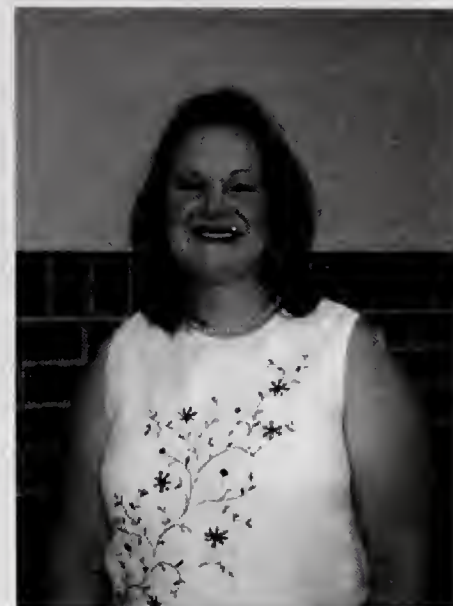
hances my programming skills because I am more knowledgeable about the needs and desires of the students."

With the spare time Collura has available, she likes to shop, meet new people, play pool, and spend time with family and friends.

"I especially enjoy spending time with my two wonderful pets, [my dog] Louie and [my cat] Oscar," she said.

Since Collura has only been with the college since August, she has not had a lot of time to settle in. However, she is already in the thick of student life.

"Unfortunately, I haven't had much time to consider 'new' things," Collura said. "Right now I just want to concentrate on making sure the semester runs smoothly with the programs that my predecessor, Stacey Lazenby, had scheduled before her departure in early August."



Dottie Collura at the Faculty Orientation Dinner. Photo courtesy of Rev. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

A Closer Look at an SJC Diamond in the Rough: Brienne Hopkins

Bree Ma'Aytech
Reporter

scheduled her to play a guitar set for the town's Little Cousin Jasper Festival.

However, things didn't go as planned. Some performances took longer than expected, and Hopkins was forced to start late. In the middle of her third song, it began to rain.

"[I] stayed under the courthouse for 15 to 20 minutes, but the rain didn't let up. It was kind of a bummer," Hopkins said of her Sep. 9 vocal/acoustic guitar performance. "But I got to play three out of eight, so that's OK."



Brienne Hopkins practices her guitar outside.

She added, "I was so surprised all those people were still there. It was overwhelming. I was real excited."

Plans for Hopkins' performance were made during last year's event. Jeff Smith, sound technician for L.C.J., had mentioned that she should play next year.

"I fell out of my chair that he remembered he'd said that," Hopkins said. She was put on the schedule, and that was that.

Her set included both live performances and singing along to music that had been previously recorded for the show, or what musician liked to call, "sound in a box."

Hopkins has been an avid music lover long before her appearance at L.C.J., learning how to play the piano when she was five years old. She also played the clarinet in middle school.

Soon, she became interested in the guitar.

"Not a lot of people my age were playing it, and especially not a lot of girls," Hopkins said. "So when I got the opportunity to get [it], I thought 'what the heck?'"

She made a deal with her parents: she would stay with the clarinet for her three years in middle school, and they would allow her to trade it in for an acoustic guitar. So that's what she did.

Hopkins and music became better friends. She sang in the Rensselaer Central High School choir for two years. She began to play guitar for her church, and spent one night a week performing for a youth group. She even sang a song with a fellow classmate for her graduation in 1999.

"I also played with a garage band; we were pretty decent," she said. "But I guess everyone thinks they're 'pretty decent,'" she added, laughing.

Hopkins also started to write music and lyrics for some of her songs, songs mainly meant for the guitar. A large amount of her material is inspired by her Christian faith.

"I don't separate my faith from my everyday life. My life evolves around my relationship with Christ, and that's most important. So that's what I sing about," she said.

Hopkins has no immediate plans to make a career out of her music, although she is in the process of recording a CD with Smith.

"Just so I can have it recorded somewhere," she said.

Now in her third year studying Communications and Theatre Arts at SJC, Hopkins is involved with the Columbian Players, having both acted in shows and assisted in designing sets for them. She is also active in the school's art club.

Right now, she's not thinking about a musical career.

"I have no plans," she said. "I wouldn't mind it if it happened, but it's more fun than anything. I really like people; whatever will allow me to have contact with people in a meaningful way.... that's what I'd like to do."

When she's not busy with school, Hopkins occupies her time by playing for "The Avenue," a praise and worship service in DeMotte. The group is geared towards bringing the word of Christ to those who aren't familiar with it or those who want to know it better. She practices one night a week and performs on the first Sunday of the month. And sometimes, she's just plain spontaneous.

"I'll get the guitar out, sit around and play," she said. "Some people like to watch TV. I like to play."

Just as she did during the festival, Hopkins plans to fight for her performance.

"I do want to finish, so maybe in a couple months I'll do an encore presentation," she said.

Jassy Grazz Caps off Homecoming Weekend Festivities

On Saturday, a large crowd gathered in the intra-

Tina Carroll
Reporter

day, September crowd of Pumas, present, gath-

mural field outside of Gallagher Hall to enjoy the live, funky sounds of Jassy Grazz. The band, brought to campus courtesy of Student Union Board, entertained a large crowd of students and alumni from 6-9 pm.

Band members included Nick DePalma on guitar and vocals, Ian Hansen on bass and vocals, Chad Allen, also on guitar and vocals, as well as SJC alum Randy Wagers on drums and vocals. Senior Pat Shannon also joined the band on drums.

Jassy Grazz, no stranger to campus celebrations, performed during the Little 500 weekend festivities last April. This time around, the band once again played select tracks off their album, "Jellybean Astrology," recorded in May of 2000.

"The band actually contacted our Special Events chair over the summer and showed quite an interest in playing at Saint Joe's. After much deliberation, SUB and the Student Activities office were able to make the gig work. I thought they did a fine job," said Director of Student Activities, Dottie Collura.

Pat Shannon commented their desire to return to SJC was a direct result of how well they were received during previous visits.

"We have had a very good response at the school. We were happy with the turn out and we hope everyone liked the music," he said.

Student Union Board member Amy Buckbee agreed. "I think the concert went over very well. I believe part of the reason that they were so well received was that Randy Wagers is an alum and Pat Shannon still goes here. Plus, their music appealed to more than just one group on campus. It was a successful ending to Homecoming week."

Those in attendance generated similar reactions to the band's performance.

Senior Jen Varner said, "After being out at the football field and in the Beer and Brat tent all afternoon, it was nice to relax and the band sounded great."

"I sat out in the IM field and listened to the band for two hours," added senior Beth Nix. "Jassy Grazz really generated a positive response from the crowd. Even people passing by stopped to listen to a few songs. The group is just so upbeat and energetic!"

If you enjoyed the concert and would like to hear more or get in contact with the band, check out their website at

<http://www.jassygrazz.com>



Members of Jassy Grazz warm up on IM field during Homecoming weekend.

Career Center Connections

Kelli Bridges
Reporter

In an effort to serve your needs better, The Career Center has invested in several useful resources to help you research companies and career industries that you are interested in.

Career Library--New this year:

The Book of Lists- These are excellent sources for identifying companies in a particular geographic location by the industry you are interested in. You will find information on top private and public employers in various industries, and company facts. There are addresses and phone numbers of people you can contact about potential jobs and internships. The Career Center has a Book of Lists for Grand Rapids MI, Chicago IL, Indianapolis IN, St. Louis MO, Louisville KY, Milwaukee WI, Columbus OH, Detroit MI, and Cincinnati OH.

Wetfeet.com- Get the full scoop on the Insider Guides that are full of information on companies & industries. The Career Center has invested in over 50 Insider Guides, covering companies & industries that give you the inside scoop from people who work in that particular area. Venture Capital Industry, Procter & Gamble, and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter are a few examples of companies represented in the Insider Guides. In these guides you will find an overview of the company, organization of the firm, job descriptions with sample projects, lifestyle and hours of the job, compensation, their recruiting process, key people, etc.

Interviewing video- This video shows how an interview is conducted and gives you tips on what to say in awkward situations. It also shows you what to expect out of an interview.

Resources online: The following web sites can be linked from the SJC career center web page @ www.saintjoe.edu/~careers.

Puma Trak- SJC has partnered with Monster Trak to bring you job listings from companies nationwide. You can search for full-time, part-time, and temporary internships & co-op positions. Enter your resume, find alumni career contacts, get an in-depth profile of companies, get useful job search tips, and take a virtual interview with actual interview questions. You must register on Puma Trak in order to submit your resume.

Internships-usa.com- An extensive listing of over 2000 companies and organizations, that offer internships. Internship listings include: Internships with America's Top Companies, The Media Internship Book, The Sports Internship Book-2001, The Big Green Internship Book, The Complete Guide to Seasonal State Park Employment, Washington Internships In Law and Policy -2001, The Resort Internship and Seasonal Employment Guide-2001, The Congressional Internship Book, The Human rights Internship Book-2001, and The History Internship Book. The user name is "Intern02" and the password is "learn".

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Pumas Fall Short in Homecoming Game

Tony Salati
Reporter

This past weekend, with much anticipation, our Pumas took on the Shepard College Rams. In a spirited battle the Pumas fell to the Rams 21-0. This brings the Rams record to 3-0 for the season and the Pumas to a 0-3 record.

The game started promisingly with a defensive stand inside the 10 yard line and a blocked field goal by linebacker Jamarr Day. This brought momentum in the Pumas direction. The Rams got the ball back soon after and was stopped again inside the 10 yard line. They did so again late in the third quarter with a huge tackle by freshman Jordan Rasaam on the Pumas one yard line. The Pumas defensive line had its best all around game of the year lead by senior captain Phil Lee with nine tackles and Bobby Jefferson with seven tackles which include the Pumas only sack with an 11 yard

loss and a tackle for a three yard loss. The Puma defense was led by James

hit to the chest. Last years starter Lewis Scott, who has been hurt, injured his

ankle and was unable to come back. So back up quarterback H a v e n Mosely led the Puma offense the rest of the game. He racked up e i g h t completions with 19 attempts and one interception.



The SJC football team shows off both their offensive and defensive abilities during the Homecoming game. Although they lost to the Rams, they played hard.

Perkins, safety, with 11 tackles and Jamarr Day with 10 tackles.

The Puma offense started out slowly, but picked it up as the game progressed. Starting quarterback, Asa McLaughlin went down early with a big

Junior Karl Jackson led the rushing attack with 14 carries for 83 yards with a 5.9 yard average. Chris Froelich led the team in passing yards with 4 catches with 61 yards. The Pumas won the possession battle with holding on to the ball for 32:21 with the Rams having the ball for 27:39. The Pumas racked up 260 yards of total offense with 15 first downs.

The Pumas were in action last Saturday against Ganon University in Ganon, Penn. They lost with a score of 47-21, but can redeem themselves at their away game with Tri-State University this weekend, on Sep. 29. This Saturday's game starts at 1:30 pm. The next home game, however, will be Oct. 6 against Kentucky Wesleyan at noon.



Women's Soccer Starts off Season With Success

Annie Domisica
Reporter

Despite recent events, a somber, yet dedicated, women's soccer team stayed focused during a week of tough practices as they prepared for the upcoming weekend.

The Homecoming weekend marked the beginning of Conference play for the Lady Pumas resulting in a 1-1 Conference record.

On Sept. 14 the Pumas hosted the Riverwomen of the University of Missouri. St. Louis. After a scoreless first half, UMSL scored fairly early in the second half to take a 1-0 lead. They maintained that lead while fending off several Puma attacks. The Riverwomen finished the game scoring a second goal with less than thirty seconds remaining on a counterattack as the Pumas pushed forward in an attempt to tie the game.



Heather Budenz made eight saves for the Pumas.

On the latter Sunday, the Lady Pumas improved their record to 2-4-1 with their first conference win of the season. The Pumas defeated the Eagles of Southern Indiana 2-1. Down two to one at half time, the Pumas exploded with a barrage of shots in the second half. Anne Balmes and Jamie Marshall were both able to capitalize on great balls from Holly Copeland. Marshall's goal came with eight minutes left in the game to give the Pumas the victory. Heather Budenz recorded five saves in goal.

The Pumas hosted Northwoods at home on Wednesday, September 19. They returned to conference play as they traveled to Kentucky to take on Kentucky Wesleyan and Bellarmine. They won both games, with a score of 2-1 against Kentucky Wesleyan and defeated Bellarmine in an overtime with a score of 2-1.

The Pumas will build on these wins as they prepare for another busy week. They will play their next home game on Sep. 30 against Northern Kentucky University at noon. Their next conference game away will be at Indianapolis at 12:30.

Women's Tennis: A New Direction

Bridget Newman
Reporter

The Saint Joseph's College Women's Varsity Tennis team has not started off the season in the right direction. So far, the team is 0-4 in their conference. However as this year is one of transition, neither the coaching staff nor Varsity players are overly concerned.

Former Head Tennis Coach, Ken Carrillo, has assumed the position of Head Men's Basketball Coach. SJC Hall of Famer John Barrientos will be Coach Emeritus of the team while Don Gobbie will be Head Coach.

Gobbie, who has taught tennis at both the collegiate and high school level for 22 years, says the Lady Pumas, "have the potential to do well." He notes that the toughest match with probably be Northern Kentucky, not because they are the best team in their conference, but because SJC has the most likely chance to beat them. This is an imperative match because the conference has only 8 spots available for 9 teams.

Captains Jill LeBarge and Mandy Lundeen share Gobbie's desires for a chance in the conference. Jill notes, "Coach Gobbie has a lot of high expectations and plans for the upcoming seasons.

Mandy adds, "He is very en-

thusiastic. He knows the sport well, and he really knows how to teach it." Both seniors note that they, too, have a more positive outlook because of the four newest additions to the team, freshman Melissa Bachani, Katherine DeLuna, Tiffany Kontrik, and Tiffany Sajdera.

Coach Gobbie mentions that these players, who come in new to the team, are unsure about some things that both the captains and sophomores Loretta Clevenger and Katherine Davet, have helped them with. He notes, "The returning players help direct them and inspire them to do well."

Jill LeBarge and Mandy Lundeen both agree that road trips are the greatest memories they have over the four years that the two have been playing tennis for SJC.

Gobbie, who shares their enjoyment in traveling, would like to plan a trip to Florida over spring break. Coach Gobbie hopes to set up matches against teams in Florida both for additional experience and to make Pumas a more close-knit team. Gobbie also hopes to develop a year-round program for both the men, who only play in Spring, and the women, who only play in Fall. One event that has already taken place is the alumni match, which he hopes will become a tradition. Gobbie adds in conclusion, "We're taking new directions, trying to make new traditions; we just want to do well out there."

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Sports Profile: Meet Joe Burns

Alison Cole
Reporter

Joe Burns, a sophomore and a forward on the soccer team here at Saint Joseph's College, is having a great season this year. Last weekend, he had one assist, and on September 9 he lead the team to victory by scoring all four of the team's goals. So far, he leads the team in total number of goals scored. He has had a wonderful start so far, and hopefully the rest of the season will continue the same way for him.



Last year was not as great of a year for Joe. He entered college with a knee injury that he recieved while playing in the Rugby Nationals. Because of this injury he could only play 50 to 70 percent of the games that season. After recovering, Joe is back out

on the field ready for the rigorous late night practices and challenging and intense games. He says, "The

practices are hard, but worth it."

Joe started playing soccer around the age of four. He played against his siblings. Joe says, "I always won when I played against my brother."

Around this time he developed his liking of the sport. This feeling is reflected in his amazing team spirit and hopes for the team to win.

Outside of SJC, Joe competes in a summer league back home in Kansas City, Missouri. He plays on a team with all of his old friends from high school. The leagues lasts all summer long and is fiercely competitive.

Joe's team naturally does very well, and he plays as competitively there as he does here. During the year soccer takes up most of Joe's time, but he does manage to balance everything, like soccer practices, games, school and social life, very well.

Joe's coaches speak very highly of him. Rob Burns, the Head Coach, says that, "Joe has done a good job this season and you can tell that he really wants the team to win."

As for Joe going Pro? "I'm not sure yet, but it is a possibility."

Men's Soccer Get Their Kicks

Rebecca Griffin
Reporter

The SJC Men's Soccer team has been going through some major changes, including a new assistant coach, SJC's own graduate Matthew Norton. They have come together well this season and have enjoyed their share of both success and tough com-

petition.

The men of Puma soccer had a good weekend as they went 1-0-1 during the play of homecoming week. On Friday, September 14, the Pumas tied with Riverman of Missouri with a score of 1-1. The only goal was scored by Jeff White.

Sunday, September 16th, the Pumas defeated Southern Indiana with a score of 2-1. The game ended in a double overtime. Richie Delgado

received an assist from Joe Burns to score the winning goal for the Pumas.

However, their streak was broken on Sep. 23 to Bellarmine University. They lost 8-2.

Their next game will be on Sep. 30. It is a home game and our boys will be competing against Northern Kentucky University.

With the men having an upcoming home soccer game, come out and cheer them on as the team heads for a hopeful win.

Homecoming weekend was full of surprises. One thing that was not suprising, however, was the dedication of students and fans. Some even went as far at to temporarily tattoo themselves with the school's logo and colors. From left to right are: seniors Brendan Gallagher, Scott Morgan, Ryan Kardash, and sophomores Melissa Genova, and Tom Czepial.

GO PUMAS!!!



Upcoming Events

Sept. 27

Volleyball/AWAY
Morton College 7 pm

Sept. 28

Women's Tennis/AWAY
Univ. of Southern Indiana
3 pm

Volleyball/HOME
Northern Kentucky Univ.
7 pm

Sept. 29

Women's Cross Country/
AWAY
Indiana State Univ. 10
am

Men's Cross Country/
AWAY
Indiana State Univ. 10
am

Women's Tennis/AWAY
Kentucky Wesleyan 9 am

Baseball/HOME
Chicago State Univ. 11
am

Softball/AWAY
Marian College (IUPU
Tourney) 1 pm & 6 pm

Softball/AWAY
Purdue Univ. (IUPU
Tourney) 9 pm

Softball/AWAY Purde
Football/AWAY
Tri-State Univ. 1:30 pm

Oct. 1-2

Golf/HOME (GLVC Tour-
nament) Purdue Univ.

Oct. 5

Women's Cross Country/
AWAY Benedictine Univ.
4:45 pm

Oct. 6

Football/HOME
Kentucky Wesleyan 12 pm

Oct. 12

Men's Soccer/HOME
Wisconsin-Parkside

Oct. 13

Football/AWAY
Quincy Univ. 1 pm

Oct. 14

Golf/AWAY (Oct. 14 &
15)
Depauw Univ. Invite 11
am

Women's Soccer/HOME
Lewis Univ. 12 pm

Perception

old man
sittin' in a bar.
stinkin', drinkin'
doesn't know he's thinkin'.

but he knows more
than you or me.
if we only knew
what he has seen.
we'd be a whole lot smarter...
than he looks to me.

ragged and torn
since the day he was born.
bruised and scared
often put behind bars.

but he knows more
than you or me.
if we only knew
what he has seen.
we'd be a whole lot smarter...
than he looks to me.

Leander Jacob Hoover

Words

Who would have ever known,
A little noise could mean so much.
With your own unique tone,
Someone's heart you might touch.

"I'll be there to the very end"
Could put you on cloud nine.
While "I thought we were just
friends"
Says you will never be mine.

With words that are softly spoken
One could take your heart away.
While your heart might be broken
By hurtful words someone might
say.

Words put together the right way
Spoken so softly and true.
Can be a beautiful way to say
"I Love You!"

~ Patrick W. Smith

Goose Heaven Road

They play lovely games
on Goose Heaven Road. Laughter
echoes loud off of its narrow twists
and turns. Cows graze absently in the pastures
on either side. Young colts romp, cantering carelessly
across an open field. Birds circle lazily overhead
as another tractor walks its familiar path to begin
another day's work. And yet, a nearby pond stands
ever so still and clear. Vacant, the wind cannot
even ripple its staunch. A mirror of heaven,
it is the sky's looking glass. What then does the sky
see? Not a goose in sight, claims Goose Heaven Road.

Lance Crow

At the Movies with Mike: Still Hungry? *American Pie 2* Comes Back for Another Slice

Mike Potts
Reporter

This summer was the summer of sequels. *Rush Hour 2* hit it big. *Jurassic Park* completed it's trilogy, but *American Pie* took the cake...or should I say pie? Far too often, movie sequels fall short, always rocketing our hopes high, only to tear them down with the same urgency. Could the original *American Pie* be beaten with its delicious, yet very distasteful humor? Whether or not *American Pie 2* was better than the first is a question still up for grabs, but it did taste just as sweet.

The movie opens right where it left off. Though the cast is off to college, they themselves, and all they stand for, haven't changed a bit. Jim (Jason Biggs) is still hard at work trying to impress the opposite sex, but his approach is still all wrong. Throughout the entire movie he struggles with his awkwardness around women.

The opening scene illustrates this best when his girlfriend suggests they have "friendly good-bye sex" before the summer vacation, when in fact, he

points out that they never even had "friendly hello sex". In any event, during the clumsy act of it all, Jim's dad (Eugene Levy) spills into the room witnessing his boy in action. Jim never lost that bad luck he always had either.

The whole gang is back for the sequel. This time, after a welcome back party is busted, the boys, Stifler, Kevin, Jim, Oz, and Finch, decide to rent a summerhouse on the lake for a summer of fun and of course the ever so elusive sex. Again, they all have their own dilemmas: they all want some.

Kevin (Thomas Ian Nicholas) moves through the movie depressed, scheming how he can right his wrong and win Vicky (Tara Reid) back. Oz (Chris Klein) and Heather (Mena Suvari) make an attempt to advance their relationship by experimenting with phone sex, while Heather is in Europe. Finch still dreams about Stifler's mom and Stifler still dreams about sex (with anyone).

After getting word that Nadia (Shannon Elizabeth), the breathtaking foreign exchange student is returning to the states to see him, Jim panics about his inability to perform well in bed. Seeking assistance from Michelle (Alyson

Hannigan), the flute toting band geek, she matter-of-factly tells him that he is the worst partner she has ever had. Throughout the movie Michelle coaches Jim for the big game with Nadia. In the process, Jim, again with his bad luck, winds up in the emergency room sitting next to his very proud and understanding father.

Again, Stifler (Sean William Scott) manufactures the most memorable scenes. After presuming that the two residents of the house the boys are painting are lesbians, Stifler transforms into a kid in a candy store, with an ear-to-ear grin, running through the house waving one of the woman's toys. Another comical run in the movie trails closely behind the latter, when the returning women agree to do anything to each other, only if the three boys agree to do the same things on each other as well. This scenario is one of the many bricks for the movies hysterical foundation.

American Pie 2 is chalked full of crude humor, from the degradation of women, to Stifler's fast-talking, blunt profanity. The characters are still as fresh as their dilemmas. It's an instant classic. If you loved the first *American Pie*, get in line for seconds.

Words of Wisdom

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

-- Mahatma Gandhi

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Today the real test of power is not capacity to make war but capacity to prevent it."

-- Anne O'Hare McCormick

"Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."

-- Frank Outlaw

